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SUBJ: NARCOTICS COOPERATION INITIATIVE: COCAINE CONSPIRACY CASE

REF: LA PAZ 6179, LA PAZ 6165

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, GENERAL OSCAR ADRIAZOLA, ON AUGUST 5 I INDICATED THAT I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE COCAINE CONSPIRACY CASE AND THE DIPLOMATIC STATUS OF JAIME OBLITAS, A BOLIVIAN DEFENDANT. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THE REACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA TO THE NEWS THAT US AUTHORITIES HAD BROKEN A MAJOR DRUG RING WAS ONE OF APPLAUSE. HE SAID THAT THE GOB, AS PRESIDENT BANZER TOLD SECRETARY KISSINGER ON JUNE 7 IN SANTA CRUZ, IS TO TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE STEP IN COOPERATION WITH THE US TO ERADICATE DRUG TRAFFICKING WHICH IS CONSIDERED A VIRULENT DISEASE. THE MINISTER SAID THAT JAIME OBLITAS NO LONGER HAS ANY DIPLOMATIC STATUS AS FAR AS THE GOB IS CONCERNED. WE MAY TAKE HIM PRISONER IF WE LOCATE HIM AND THE GOB WILL NOT ONLY NOT REGISTER ANY COMPLAINT, IT WILL COOPERATE WITH US IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. HE SAID THAT I COULD INFORM US AUTHORITIES THAT OBLITAS HAS NO DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THE GOB IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH US AUTHORITIES IN EXTRADITING DEFENDANTS FOUND IN BOLIVIA OR, IF MORE EFFECTIVE, TO PROCESS THEM UNDER BOLIVIAN LAW BASED UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE US.

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3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER THEN TOLD ME THAT THE GOB HAS EXTRA-

OFFICIAL INFORMATION THAT GONZALO HUMEREZ, A BOLIVIAN OFFICIAL IN THE BOLIVIAN OAS DELEGATION, IS INVOLVED IN EITHER THIS CASE OR IN OTHER COCAINE TRAFFICKING. THE MINISTER NOTED THAT HUMEREZ IS NOT LISTED AS ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS IN THE CONSPIRACY CASE. HE ASKS IF WE WOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH TO INFORM HIM AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE OF ANY INFORMATION WE HAVE ABOUT HUMEREZ BECAUSE IF HE IS INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING THE GOB WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS WITH REGARD TO HIS STATUS AS WELL.
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